

## FOREIGN NEWS.

## SPAIN.

THE REPORT OF CUBAN NEGOTIATIONS DENIED.

MADRID, Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1869.  
The truth of the report that Spain has opened negotiations with the United States looking to the independence of Cuba is positively denied.

CALLING OUT THE RESERVES—NEW CARLIST RISINGS.  
PARIS, Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1869.  
It is asserted to-day that the Spanish Government will shortly call out the reserves. It is reported that formidable risings of Carlists have occurred at Tortosa and Teruel.

CARLIST BANDS DEFEATED.  
Official advices contradict the statement previously published that two Carlist prisoners had been shot by the order of the Council of War. Several bands of Carlists in different parts of the country have been defeated and scattered within the past day or two.

QUEEN ISABELLA DISPOSED TO ARBITRATE.  
LA FRENCH (newspaper) reports that Queen Isabella is disposed to abdicate the throne of Spain in favor of the Prince of Asturias.

GREAT BRITAIN.  
BRITISH SUBJECTS HELD CAPTIVE IN PARAGUAY.  
LONDON, Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1869.  
In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Otway, Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, said the agents of the British Government were making every effort to obtain access to the Englishmen now held captive in Paraguay. The last intelligence received in regard to them was furnished by two American naval officers, and to the effect that they were all well, but still restrained of their liberty by the command of President Lopez.

THE SAN JUAN BOUNDARY QUESTION.  
Viscount Milton asked if the Government could inform the House what progress had been made in the San Juan Boundary negotiations, and what the expense of holding possession of the island had been. Mr. Otway replied that as differences still existed with the United States on the question, Her Majesty's Government was unable to furnish any information or lay any correspondence on the table. The Government of 1860 had submitted to the House that information it thought fit. If Lord Milton was able to add anything to that, the Government would be glad to hear from him. It was impossible at such short notice to say what the cost of the occupation of the island amounted to.

HARVARD.  
The Harvard crew were out again on the Thames to-day and showed a better form. They were visited by Shaw, the coxswain of the Oxford boat.

THE FIRE BRIGADE VISIT.  
A portion of the London Metropolitan Fire Brigade propose to visit New-York.

END OF A NOTED DIVORCE SUIT.  
Mrs. Varian has gained her suit for divorce against the Marquis of Waterford, with costs.

BUSINESS SUSPENSION.  
The Greek firm of Franghiadi & Rhodocanachi, the New-York branch of which failed this week, has suspended payment here.

TRIAL TRIP OF THE HARVARD CREW.  
The Harvard crew made two practice trips on the Thames to-day. The weather was rainy and otherwise unfavorable; but the men exhibited a decided improvement in their rowing. Their dip is not so deep as before, and they take longer strokes.

THE DISESTABLISHED BISHOPS.  
DUBLIN, Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1869.  
The Irish bishops met in private conference on this day to-day, to consider the reorganization of the Irish Church.

A NEW MAYOR.  
Mr. Purdon, a Conservative, has been elected Mayor of Dublin, but the Liberals have a majority in the Council.

GERMANY.  
TAXATION OF UNITED STATES BONDS.  
BERLIN, Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1869.  
The *Reichs-Zeitung*, discussing the possibility of the imposition by Congress of a tax on the coupons of United States bonds, expresses confidence that the Republicans will remain faithful to the programme in which they pronounced energetically against repudiation. The *Zeitung* declares that current rumors to the effect that such a tax is contemplated are mere maneuvers of the Stock Exchange.

TURKEY.  
MENACING LETTER OF THE SELTAN TO THE VICE-ROY OF EGYPT.  
CONSTANTINOPLE, Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1869.  
An Aide-de-Camp of the Grand Viceroy is about to leave for Egypt, bearing a letter to the Viceroy, which, after recounting the grievances of the Sublime Porte, concludes with the intimation that in case no satisfactory explanations are given, the Sultan will withdraw the privileges accorded by the *firman* of 1841.

PORTUGAL.  
CABLE CONCESSIONS.  
LISBON, Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1869.  
The Chambers have adopted a resolution authorizing the Government to grant concessions to companies desiring to lay submarine cables to or from the shores of Portugal.

FRANCE.  
THE EMPRESS TO VISIT CONSTANTINOPLE.  
PARIS, Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1869.  
The Empress Eugenie is expected to visit Constantinople in September. Preparations on the most extensive scale have already commenced there for her reception.

NEW PROVISIONS OF THE SENATUS CONSULTUM.  
Among the clauses of the *Senatus Consultum* is one providing that on the demand of five members the Senate may resolve itself into a Secret Committee.

RELATIONS OF THE SENATE AND THE CORPS LEGISLATIF WITH THE EMPEROR AND WITH ANOTHER WILL BE REGulated BY AN IMPERIAL DECREE.

A PRESS OPINION.  
The *Journal des Debats* thinks the reforms now proposed will not disappoint the hopes raised by the imperial message to the Corps Legislatif.

M. ROUSSEAU—CONSTITUTION-BREAKING BY THE EMPEROR—THE LEFT-CENTER—IMPERIAL INTERVENTION—THE PROSPECTS.

PARIS, July 23.—Without going into the abysmally abstract question of what the Emperor means in the way of reforms, it is to be noted that he can desire no fitter instrument for their expression and his history execution than M. Rouvier, who has been his faithful and unflinching ally.

It is not strange, then, that, considering this man's appointment to this post, and the political antecedents of the new ministers, the sudden flash of hope indulged in by moderate liberals on the occasion of the 12th July message has given way to profound distrust.

Prevost Paradol, whose frank acceptance of that good sign I quoted from the *Debats* in my last letter, has felt himself constrained to come out since with as frank a confession of deceived hope and vain regrets. People make this comparison of facts and dates: 19th January, 1867, Government makes liberal promises; M. Rouvier logically resigns; 48 hours later he resumes office, possesses the sincere confidence of his master, and delays for 18 months the pitiful scant fulfillment of those promises in the fragmentary restrictive laws on the press and public meetings. July 12, 1869, Government has a fresh attack of liberalism. M. Rouvier again logically resigns, and ten days later practically resumes his office—under change of style and post—of restrictive managing editor of the new reforms.

To condemn the distrust, Government, after numerous

berless backings and fillings, has (temporarily) finally returned to the second, in its first series, of hesitating decisions regarding the prorogation of the Legislature, and definitely concludes that it shall be indefinite. This means, if the decision holds that the Chamber convoked a few weeks ago for verification of the elections of its members, 55 of which remain unverified, will not be reconvened till the more or less grave changes in its rights, privileges, and organization are discussed and resolved on by the Emperor and the Senate, without its or the nation's participation.

Meantime, and apart from the vague promises of the message, Government does nothing to remove this distrust of their being made in good faith. There has been no month in all the imperial regime more fertile than the one just past in condemnation of journalists. For more than a month now respectable men are held in preventive imprisonment, shut off even from free communication with their families, on the unfounded charge of having conspired the overthrow of this strong Government. Their friends vainly proclaim for them the justice of a speedy trial. Against this crying abomination of indefinite preventive imprisonment no one protested more earnestly, when Louis Philippe was monarch of France, than his then prisoner the actual monarch of France.

Observe, now, that an act of amnesty in favor of journalistic and other political criminals is distinctly within the constitutional powers of the Chief of State. And observe, that while scrupulously omitting to exercise this gracious and strictly constitutional personal right, L. N. B. tramps across the limits of his own Constitution of 1852, with sovereign facility and indifference. Article 44 of that paper bond is as plainly definite as the oath he took of fidelity to the Republic: "Ministers cannot be members of the Corps Legislatif." Two of the newly appointed members of his Ministry are members of the Corps Legislatif—which is indignantly protested, with no orders for new elections.

A large and respectable class of one-eyed intelligent foreign observers, who are never tired of observing the hopelessly revolutionary tendency of French Liberals, are respectfully requested to observe a little the Emperor's own readiness to violate his own Constitution. Let me add here to the above flagrant instance another proof of the profound disregard of his Constitution entertained by himself and the general public on whom it is imposed. For the three or four days preceding the publication of the decree appointing Rouher President of the Senate for one year, it was generally supposed that if that person was appointed at all, he would be named to the office for life. The fact which everybody knows, that life appointment in this is not constitutionally in the Emperor's gift, did not enter into the slightest degree, as a weakening element, into the supposition. Nor does any one, save here and there a dilettante constitutional abstractionist, look for explanation of the annual quality of Rouher's appointment any other where than in the supposition of that still tough and actively ambitious politician's purpose, to return one of these days to the more stirring business of the Chamber of Deputies.

With this last supposition near, revived, an elderly rumor that Rouher is to come out in a new part, as reformatory Liberal, far out-herding the little reformatory play of our Imperial Herod, as set forth in his 12th July programme to the innocents. I don't say it is probable, it is not *incompossible*. Mr. Rouher was once a Republican, declared himself in 1848 to have been, before 1852 and always, a latent Republican. He is a man of considerable ability, extraordinary cleverness, unbounded ambition, and no conscientious conviction. If his master tells him to, and he thinks he can serve himself in serving his master, he is perfectly capable of shooting ahead of the Third Party in the career of reform.

This party is acting and refraining from action with a cautiousness that seems timid and weak to many, that commends itself as wisely modest to others. Its leading members have at least kept their dignity and avoided the snare laid forth by Government when the Emperor offered and urged upon two or three of them acceptance of office in the new Ministry, where they would have been in a minority, and seeming to be responsible, but without any efficient control, would have been swamped themselves and broken the even, disciplined front their party now shows to Government and the nation. The great majority of the members of the interpellation, which forced the Emperor to the inditing of his message of July 12, and provoked the queer crisis of the past fortnight, still hold together, and have held several meetings, and are now well constituted as a Constitutional Left-Center party. They have resolved to throw no obstacles in the way of the Emperor's *proprio motu* reforms. They renounce all factions tactics. They hold firmly to the purpose, primarily indicated in their interpellation, of pursuing until they obtain a copartnership for the Legislature in the Government, to be expressed practically, if not formally, by Ministerial responsibility.

There were at the last review 116 signers to the interpellation of the Left Center. Some of these were camp followers, intelligent contrabands, cross-eyed waiters on Providence, looking both ways for Sunday, timid doubters, constituted human impostors with calculating gizzards substituted for souls, recruited from the Right and the Right Center, the Marais, the low, foul marsh. In solid rank and file, the Left Center counts to-day about 100, tolerably well disciplined. If the Government does not come to them, they will oppose Government.

The Left has also held daily and nightly caucuses—a wofully undisciplined militia, numbering about 40 in all, of whom something like 20 insist each on being major-generals, or colonels at least. The immediate result is no result, in the way of combined action. But as a general thing they will support the Left Center on field days, and counted with the Left Center in the Chamber. Their power as guerrillas is not to be measured by their numbers. From the veteran Thiers up to down to Bancel, there is hardly one of the 40 who can't deal hard blows or is not skillful in fence. The active brain, the driving intellectual force of the new Chamber, is with those 40 rather than with the remaining 250, whose Right ranks, let alone Center, are largely filled literally with dead heads.

Now looms the question, whether this House, with its 55 "unverified" members, with its majority of members forced to election as official candidates, is to be the working new Chamber for the next six years, under a modification of conditions, not anticipated at the time of its elections, promised under the force of extra pressure, and to be devised and shaped without its concurrent advice?

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the logic of things. Pertly oblivious of the truth that "the best reason is not always the most reasonable conclusion," and careless, in the exorbitant conceit of their own power to vanquish Napoleon III. and Napoleonism, of the advantage they have at hand in letting L. N. B. destroy himself. For "above all he," though no dominion can at once be hereditary and despotic; but although he might transmit to his descendants his own extreme and unlimited rights, he could not transmit to them the talents or the fortune necessary to render such rights effectual."

If the French nation can only wait, it can surely evolve political liberty from the present crisis. If it insist on paying to Louis Napoleon the exorbitant homage of personal hate—on regarding him as personal God or devil, and not as a disagreeable human accident—on making his poor individual, transient person, the objective of a revolutionary movement—why then it is like to repeat its old sad experience of jumping out of window instead of going safely down stairs.

THE CUBAN REVOLUTION.  
LOAN AND CONFISCATION—NUMBER OF THE VOLUNTEERS.

HAVANA, Aug. 4.—The Captain-General has authorized the Spanish Bank to issue a second loan. The proceeds of the confiscated estates are specially pledged for its redemption. The number of volunteers in the island is 30,000. The total given in the dispatch of the 23rd ult. was incorrect. The steamships Columbia and City of Mexico arrived here this morning from New-York.

VOLUNTEER BARBARITIES—BANKRUPTCY—THE PRESS.

HAVANA, July 23.—The mobilized volunteers of Puerto Principe are committing all the barbarities they can. As soon as Letona had left the city, their cruel conduct knew no bounds. They wished to rob a Spaniard, who lived in his quinta quietly and inoffensively, and in order to effect it, assassinated him. His name was Joaquin Rodriguez. They assassinated a certain Varona in the street; and taking from his dwelling a creed, they killed him without ceremony. The monetary situation is bad. The sugar crop is in, and is by no means satisfactory. The direction of the Banco Espanol is working well for the Government, but it will never be able to collect enough duties and contributions to reimburse the bank. The scarcity of money is so great that some of the workmen of the Maestranza de Arteria have been discharged. This establishment belongs to the Government. There are 3,000 vacant houses in Havana.

La Frenca, in its yesterday's issue, counsels the offering of a fixed price for the heads of the insurgent chiefs, and says that, if this is done, everything will soon be tranquil. *La Voz de Cuba* indorses the suggestion: "Let us proceed at once in the matter and finish the rebellion," adds its insane editor. Many houses are becoming bankrupt. The hat of E. Andrieu & Co. went under the other day, showing paper on hand for \$150,000. They wanted to settle in nine years, but the creditors would not listen to the proposal. There will be announced at an early day many other failures.

THE JUNTA AND THE FUNDS.

The rumors raised by Spanish spies in this city to the effect that several of the principal members of the Junta are in a state of pecuniary embarrassment, are quite unfounded. The late expedition cost over \$500,000, and although money to a large amount has been expended for other patriotic purposes, the members of the Junta are yet able to find the means to carry out their plans. A slight fracas occurred yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock between an Irish gentleman, formerly of the 1st Cavalry, and a man, a spy of the Spanish Consul. The spy had been digging the footprints of the agent from No. 10, without success. The Spanish Consul has yet in several streets, when between Bowlinggreen and Broadway, the latter turned upon the former, and he was shot in the chest. He is now in the hospital. What has been already said in the Tribune about an expedition being in preparation to recover daily consumed. The discussion of the matter is not thought proper to mention. 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